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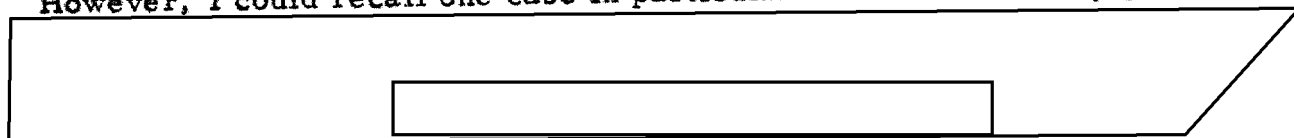
SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Joseph Wolf, State Department,
Regarding Security of the Senate Foreign Relations
Committee

1. This afternoon Mr. Joseph Wolf, Cochairman of the Inter-department Working Group of the Symington Subcommittee, Department of State, called to say that the Department expected to be involved in some hearings before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on rather sensitive matters regarding nuclear weapons, etc., in the near future, and he would appreciate our views on the danger of security leaks. I said I knew of no way of guaranteeing 100 percent security in such circumstances, but we had found several precautions useful where especially sensitive information was concerned.

- a. Denying access to staff members of individual senators;
- b. Going "off the record" on especially tricky points; and
- c. Maintaining control of the transcript.

2. I also remarked that it was useful to keep the number of people involved to a minimum, since the danger of leaks seemed to increase geometrically rather than arithmetically with the number of people privy to the information.

3. I told Mr. Wolf that my comments were "off the top of the head" and it was hard to be specific without checking back into the records. However, I could recall one case in particular where we had very good



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